

Application No. 10/078,981
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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-18 (canceled).

Claim 19 (currently amended): A combination comprising:

a monofilament line bent into a U-shaped portion with legs on each side thereof; and
a monofilament line cutting tool, said cutting tool comprising:
a tool body;
a cavity extending into said tool body;
a cutting blade in said cavity; ~~and,~~
a pair of opposing monofilament line contacting walls in said cavity located generally parallel with said cutting blade; and,
said monofilament legs are positioned against said pair of opposing monofilament line contacting walls and said monofilament line is cut by advancing said U-shaped portion ~~whereby said monofilament line is cut by bending into a U-shape portion and inserting into said cavity placing each of the legs of the U-shape portion against the respective opposing monofilament line contacting walls and the bottom of the U-shape portion against the cutting blade.~~

Claim 20 (previously presented): The combination of claim 19 wherein said tool body is made of plastic.

Claim 21 (previously presented): The combination of claim 20 further comprising a pair of opposing retaining walls in said cavity located generally perpendicular to said cutting blade, whereby the monofilament line, legs and bottom of the U-shape portion are retained in a plane generally perpendicular to the cutting blade.

Claims 22-26 (canceled).

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Claim 27 (previously presented): The combination of claim 19 wherein said opposing monofilament line contacting walls are equidistant from the cutting blade.

Claim 28 (currently amended): A combination comprising:

a monofilament line, said monofilament line being bent and having an exterior surface thereof in tension with legs on each side of the tensioned exterior surface; and

a monofilament line cutting tool, said cutting tool comprising:

a pair of monofilament line contacting walls; ~~and~~,

a cutting edge located between said walls; and,

~~whereby said monofilament line is cut by bending and placing an exterior surface thereof in tension with legs on each side of the tensioned exterior surface and placing~~ wherein each of the said legs of said monofilament line are positioned against the a respective one of said monofilament line contacting walls and the tensioned exterior surface of said monofilament line is positioned against the cutting edge ~~whereby said monofilament line is cut by advancing said tensioned exterior surface against said cutting edge.~~

Claim 29 (previously presented): The combination of claim 28 wherein said monofilament line contacting walls are equidistant from said cutting edge.

Claim 30 (previously presented): The combination of claim 28 wherein said monofilament line contacting walls are located in planes parallel with one another.

Claim 31 (previously presented): The combination of claim 30 wherein said monofilament line contacting walls are equidistant from said cutting edge.

Claim 32 (previously presented): The combination of claim 31 further comprising a pair of opposing retaining walls located generally perpendicular to said cutting edge whereby the monofilament line legs are retained in a plane generally perpendicular to the cutting edge.

Claim 33 (previously presented): The combination of claim 28 further comprising a pair of

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opposing retaining walls located generally perpendicular to said cutting edge whereby the monofilament line legs are retained in a plane generally perpendicular to the cutting edge.

Claim 34 (previously presented): The combination of claim 28 wherein said monofilament line contacting walls are parallel with and equidistant from said cutting edge.

Claim 35 (previously presented): A tool for cutting monofilament line, said tool comprising:

- a pair of opposing monofilament line contacting walls, said contacting walls spaced apart from one another by a first distance;

- a pair of opposing monofilament line retaining walls, said retaining walls spaced apart from one another by a second distance and sandwiching said contacting walls;

- a cutting blade proximate said contacting and retaining walls; and,

- wherein said first distance between said contacting walls is greater than said second distance between said retaining walls;

- whereby monofilament line is cut by bending it into a U-shape portion and placing each of the legs of the U-shape portion against said respective opposing monofilament line contacting walls, said retaining walls functioning to retain the U-shaped portion legs against the contacting wall, and further by placing the bottom of the U-shape portion against the cutting blade causing the monofilament line to be cut.

Claim 36 (previously presented): The tool of claim 35 wherein said contacting walls and said retaining walls form a cavity defining an opening for receiving the monofilament line U-shaped portion, and said cutting blade is located distal from said cavity opening.

Claim 37 (previously presented): The tool of claim 36 further comprising a bottom wall defining a portion of said cavity and extending between said opposing monofilament line contacting walls and between said opposing retaining walls.

Claim 38 (previously presented): The tool of claim 37 wherein said cutting blade projects from said bottom wall.

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Claim 39 (previously presented): The tool of claim 36 wherein said cutting blade extends between said retaining walls.

Claim 40 (previously presented): The tool of claim 35 wherein said cutting blade extends between said retaining walls.

Claim 41 (previously presented): The tool of claim 40 wherein said cutting blade extends generally perpendicular to said retaining walls and said U-shaped portion is retained in a plane generally perpendicular to said cutting blade by engagement with said opposing monofilament line contacting walls and said opposing retaining walls.

Claim 42 (previously presented): The tool of claim 35 wherein said cutting blade consists of a single cutting blade extending between said retaining walls.

Claim 43 (previously presented): A monofilament line cutting tool comprising:

- a tool body;
- a cavity in said tool body;
- a cavity opening in said tool body leading to said cavity, said cavity opening being generally rectangular shaped;
- a pair of monofilament line contacting walls in said cavity; and
- a cutting blade in said cavity located between said contacting walls, whereby monofilament line is cut by bending it into a U-shape and placing an exterior surface thereof in tension with legs on each side of the tensioned exterior surface, and inserting the U-shaped portion into said cavity through said rectangular opening placing each of the legs against said respective monofilament line contacting walls and the tensioned exterior surface against the cutting blade.

Claim 44 (previously presented): The tool of claim 43 further comprising a pair of retaining walls in said cavity, said opposing monofilament line contacting walls being spaced apart by said

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pair of opposing retaining walls, wherein said opposing and retaining walls define a rectangular shaped cavity, said opposing monofilament line contacting walls defining two relatively short sides of said rectangular shape and said opposing retaining walls defining two relatively long sides of said rectangular shape, said rectangular shaped cavity being adapted to receive the U-shaped portion of the monofilament line with the U-shaped portion being disposed in a plane parallel to said retaining walls.

Claim 45 (previously presented): The tool of claim 44 further comprising a bottom wall defining a portion of said cavity and extending between said opposing monofilament line contacting walls and between said opposing retaining walls.

Claim 46 (previously presented): The tool of claim 45 wherein said cutting blade projects from said bottom wall.

Claim 47 (previously presented): The tool of claim 45 wherein said cutting blade is disposed between said bottom wall and said cavity opening.

Claim 48 (previously presented): The tool of claim 45 wherein said cutting blade extends between said retaining walls.

Claim 49 (previously presented): The tool of claim 44 wherein said cutting blade extends between said retaining walls.

Claim 50 (previously presented): The tool of claim 49 wherein said cutting blade extends generally perpendicular to said retaining walls.

Claim 51 (previously presented): The tool of claim 43 wherein said cutting blade consists of a single cutting blade extending between said retaining walls.